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## BATTLE SCENE

### Correspondent Description of Battle.

### SUPREMELY TERRIBLE

### Japanese Navy Showed the Best Discipline and Manoeuvred With Precision.

### CONCENTRATION OF FIRE

As the Russian Fleet Advanced in the Direction of Vladivostok a Japanese Squadron Was Lying Between It and Its Destination.

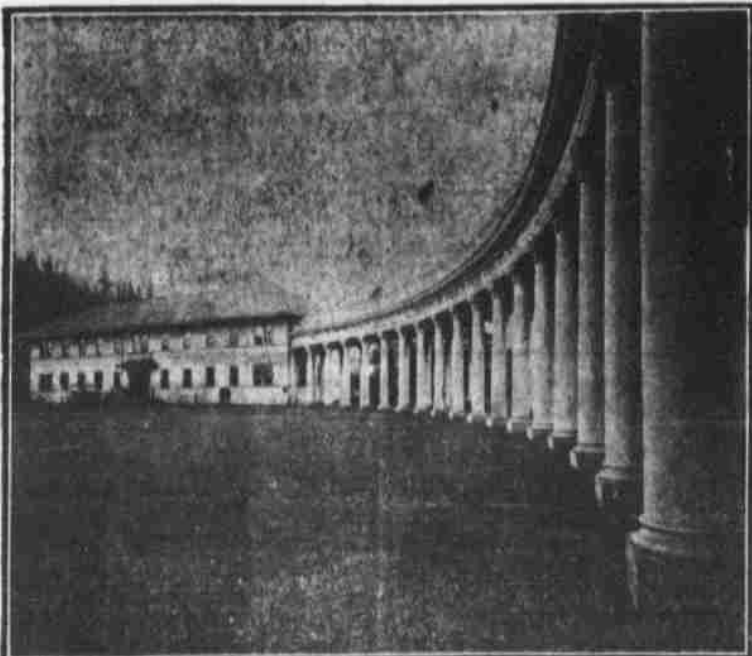
London, June 1.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends an interesting description of the naval battle from a correspondent with the Japanese fleet, who describes the scene as supremely terrible, the guns of nearly 50 warships firing. Togo's vessels this correspondent says, maneuvered with perfect precision. For a time both belligerents gave shot for shot, but with a hostile squadron on each side and another ahead of him, Rodzestvensky was practically defeated within a few hours and was caught in the trap which had been waiting for him since he left Madagascar. He displayed hesitation in his tactics and this resulted in the utter confusion of the Russian fleet.

An infernal concentration of fire reached its zenith at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. As the Russians advanced in the direction of Vladivostok a Japanese squadron was lying between them and their destination, and the doomed Russians were battered on all sides. Between three and five o'clock in the afternoon a cruiser of the Admiral Nakhimoff class and the repair ship Kamchatka foundered after their upper works had been shattered. The Russians broke in utter disorder, lost their formation and went zig-zag. The Japanese closed in and pressed them towards the shore.

The fight lasted until 7 o'clock in the evening. The correspondent continues:

"Togo risked nothing and lost nothing. Darkness brought a glorious night with smooth and transparent seas. The Russians were edging northward with the powerful Japanese fleet in a horizontal line across their bows, forming an effective barrier. Then under searchlights and the cover of the big guns of the warships, the Japanese torpedo flotilla began like locusts to sting and sink the enemy, the Russians continuing to return the gunfire. At 2 o'clock in the morning the fighting was fierce and intense and no rest was allowed the Russians.

"With dawn of Sunday the Japanese fleet came into still closer range. All



Colonnade Entrance and Administration Building.

day long the battle continued and by evening was raging off Northern Nagasaki. The Russians were powerless to offer any effective resistance."

### REPORT EMPEROR DEAD.

Stated That Emperor of Russian Assassinated or Suicided.  
St. Petersburg, June 1.—There are various rumors afloat in the city that Emperor Nicholas is dead, having either committed suicide or been assassinated.

Paris, June 1.—Rumors from St. Petersburg of the death of the emperor is reproduced in all the newspapers this morning. The rumor is strongly denied by the Russian embassy.

## A NARROW ESCAPE

Miraculous Escape of King Alfonso and President Loubet.

### HORSE SAVED THEM BOTH

King Alfonso Discusses the Event, and Inquired About the Condition of the Men Who Were Wounded in the Attempted Assassination.

Paris, June 1.—A semi-official version was given today of the attempted assassination of President Loubet and King Alfonso, last night increases the gravity of the affair and shows the narrowness of the escape of both the king and president. The left panel of the carriage which was the side M. Loubet occupied, had five perforations. The footman who was sitting on the left side of the vehicle received a splinter in his thigh and both horses of the carriage were injured. The horses and one of the republican guards received the full force of the charge in the chest, thus averting it from the two rulers.

King Alfonso today continued to enjoy the festivities which France had prepared in his honor, apparently undismayed by the anarchistic attempt on his life while on his way with President Loubet from the gala performance at the opera last night. Accompanied by President Loubet, the king left Paris at 8:30 a. m., for the camp at Chalons-sur-Marne, to review the troops of the Sixth army corps. Everywhere he was the recipient of tremendous ovations, as yesterday's outrage evoked a national sentiment of affection and sympathy for the young monarch, and universal reprobation for the for the attempt on his life.

The king arose early and made anxious inquiries concerning the condition of the persons wounded by the explosion of the bomb, and was assured that they were all alive, which relieved him, as the first report was that one policeman had died from his wounds. The king discussed the event with the French officers attached to his suite and did not display und apprehension of further danger.

President Loubet, escorted by a troop of cuirassiers, arrived at the Dorsay Palace later and held a brief interview with the king. The party then proceeded to the Invalides railroad station, where a special conveyed them to the corps maneuvers at Chalons.

## PORTLAND EXPOSITION OPENS

### President Touches the Button at Noon That Starts Machinery in Motion.

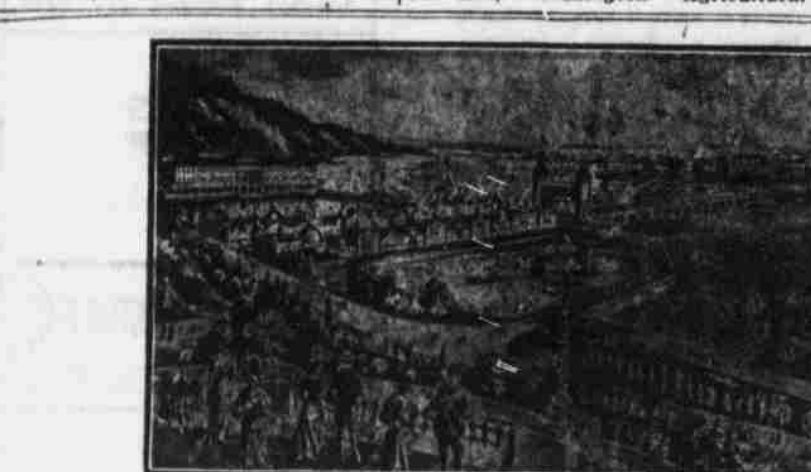
### OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WERE PRESENT

Great Celebration Participated in By the President of the United States, Governors, Congressmen and Senators and Vice President.

### BUSINESS IN PORTLAND IS SUSPENDED DURING THE DAY

Amidst a Scene of Festivity and Splendor Never Equalled in the Pacific Northwest the Great Exposition Was Officially Proclaimed Opened Amid the Cheers of the Multitude, Boom of Cannon, Waving of Flags, the Day Being Grand and Sublime, Old Sol Doing His Best to Please.

Portland, June 1.—Led by the vice president of the United States, by representatives of the senate and house of representatives of the congress, and other government officials of high rank and by the governors of the states of California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon the military parade today presented the most elaborate spectacle ever witnessed in this city. Four thousand uniformed men, consisting of United States infantry, cavalry and artillery, national guardsmen and cadet corps marched for three miles



Lake Front, Trail Bridge of Nations, Esplanade, Etc.

from the new postoffice to the Lewis and Clark monument, and of the local military academies.

A few minutes before 11, preceded by a vanguard of thousands of people which congested for blocks the avenues leading to the fair, the head of the parade reached the grounds, and as rapidly as the different sections arrived they were hastily detached, and sent to their different stations.

Portland, June 1.—Amidst a scene of festivity and splendor never equalled in the Pacific northwest, with din and clamor of cheering thousands, accompanied by the cannonading of artillery, the chiming of bells, Portland today made her greatest bow to the world in the formal opening of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition. The event was performed under conditions presaging complete success to his historical commemoration of the blazing of the trail of old Oregon by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who commissioned by President Jefferson, explored the great Oregon country 160 years ago.

Today's celebration was participated in by the president of the United States and his personal representative, Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks; representatives of the senate of the house of representatives, of the congress and the army and navy, together with the governors and staffs of the states of California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and multitudes of people from far and near.

The day, with its blaze of soft sunshine, was ideal. Nature herself lent aid to the occasion bringing forth all the beauties of spring in a wealth of verdure and blossom that did much to sustain the reputation of the City of Roses and Green Lawns.

All Portland was decked in her best bib and tucker; business was suspended and the holiday spirit was everywhere in evidence. The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, in

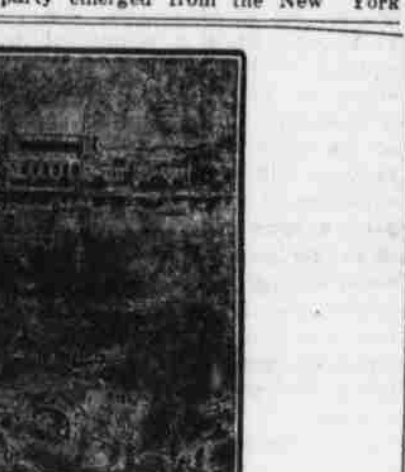
which June 1 had been declared a legal holiday in honor of the centennial, furnished thousands of visitors. The trains of yesterday brought the vanguard of excursionists and today the railroads and boat lines entering Portland have been taxed to their utmost. Never in her history has Portland been called upon to care for so many people, and it is estimated that over 50,000 persons passed through the exposition gates during the day.

The prelude to the actual opening ceremonies at the exposition consisted of the parade, a grand pageant of militarism led by Vice President Fairbanks, the congressional party, visiting governors and other dignitaries, and the exposition officials.

With martial music, constantly playing, this immediate forerunner of the actuality, was greeted with continued cheering along the entire line of march from the new postoffice and through the business and residential sections of Portland to the fair grounds. As the troops passed the mass of sightseers flanking the column fell in behind, and when the exposition grounds were reached there was a string of humanity miles in length following in its wake. Thousands in the meantime, anticipating the onward rush, had packed themselves around the speakers' stand and occupied every point of vantage, and late comers had to be content with being within seeing distance.

As the parade swung into the grounds, the vice presidential, congressional and fair official parties were detached from the column and escorted by the cavalry between long lines of cheering thousands to the New York state building. Almost simultaneously bodies of troops took their position on the esplanade extending from the rear of the speakers stand down to the lake front. With remarkable precision, Grand Marshal of the Day Col. E. Z. Steever, Fourth cavalry, U. S. A., distributed the soldiery about the grounds to hold the crowds in check and to preserve order generally.

Everything in readiness at 11:45 o'clock, Vice President Fairbanks and party emerged from the New York



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building, receiving the vice presidential salute of 19 guns. Flanked on either side by a line of troops, the party walked to the speakers' stand. As the word was passed that the party was coming, an air of expectancy settled over the crowd, which gave way to a tremendous outburst of cheering and hand clapping as the official party ascended the speakers' platform.

Promptly at 12 o'clock, noon, President H. W. Goode of the exposition arose, and gavel in hand, announced the beginning of the ceremonies which meant the realization of Portland's long dream. The announcement was received with tremendous cheering which echoed back and forth through the multitude for several minutes. As the echo died away, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Moore, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, stepping to the front of the platform, raised his hands in invocation of the Divine blessing. A perceptible stillness prevailed in the vast throng as the prayer was spoken. The impressive silence which followed the prayer, was broken as the inspiring strains of "Imperial Oregon," a march composed by Innes, and dedicated to the memory of Captains Lewis and Clark, and inscribed to the peo-

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## ASSASSINATED

### Husband and Wife Killed Near Eugene.

### MURDERER ARRESTED

Stanford Skinner and Wife Killed in the Mohawk Valley by Brother.

### TWO CHILDREN RUN AWAY

John Richards, the Murderer, Had Visited the House the Evening Before and Had Trouble With Skinner and Threatened to Kill the Family.

Eugene, June 1.—Stanford Skinner, a well known and prosperous farmer, aged 46, and his wife, aged 45, were shot and killed by Mrs. Skinner's brother, John Richards, at their home in Mohawk valley, 12 miles northeast of Eugene at 5:15 this morning.

The Skinners and Richard have been having trouble for some time. Last evening hot words passed between them and Richards left Skinner's home in a great rage, threatening violence to him and his wife. True to his threats, he returned to the house about 5 o'clock this morning, armed with a Winchester rifle and found the family just rising to begin the day's work on the farm. Richard called Skinner and his wife out of the house and without warning, aimed at Skinner and fired.

Sinner, seeing the rifle and noticing the determined expression on his brother-in-law's face, had started to run, when the bullet struck him in the back and came out at the breast. He died almost instantly.

Richards then turned to his sister, Skinner's wife, and shot her in the head. She died about two hours afterward, but remained unconscious. Lena, a daughter, and Cloyd, a son, ran when the shooting occurred, or they would no doubt have been killed also. After the shooting Richards went to his home near by, hitched up his team and started for Eugene to give himself up to the sheriff. He was met in the road by Frank Stafford, a neighbor, who had heard of the killing. Stafford detained him until Sheriff Fred Fick could be notified by telephone. The sheriff sent word to hold Richards till he could get there. He and Deputy Harry Brown started immediately for the scene of the tragedy, arriving about 9 o'clock and placed Richards under arrest.

### CRANKS ARRESTED.

Two Men Tried to Gain Audience With Vice President.

Portland, June 1.—John Connell and August Ziegenfuss, two men who attempted to gain an audience with Vice President Fairbanks as he was entering the New York State building after the close of the opening exercises, were arrested by secret service agents today as "cranks." They are believed to be harmless. Ziegenfuss was later ejected from the grounds and Connell, it is thought will be discharged from custody as soon as Mr. Fairbanks leaves the city.

### Baseball Scores.

Portland, Seattle 2, Portland 5.  
Los Angeles, San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 5.  
San Francisco, Tacoma 4, Oakland 6.